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on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration corresponds to Appl. No. 10/579,067 filed May 11, 2006 entitled "SEPARATOR."

English language specification, claims, and Abstract with () sheets of drawings.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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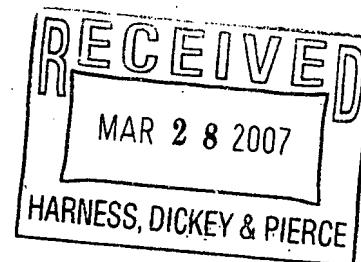
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